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Books to Buy:
Who Built America? Volume I by Christopher Clark and Nancy Hewitt
James Loewen, Lies My Teacher Told Me (2007 edition)
books are available at on-line booksellers like Amazon, Powell, Barnes and Noble, etc.

Class Schedule:
Unit One: Jan. 21-25 Introduction
Student Introductions
Unit Two: Jan. 26-Feb. 2  Thanksgiving
Readings  Loewen, Chapters 3,4

Unit Three: Feb. 3-9 Three Worlds Meet
Readings: WBA? Chapter 1, pp. 3-61

Unit Four: Feb. 10-16 Servitude, Slavery and the Growth of the Southern Colonies
Writing Assignment #1 Due, Feb. 16

Unit Five: Feb. 17-23 Family Labor and the Growth of the Northern Colonies
Readings: WBA? Chapter 3, pp. 110-159

Unit Six: Feb. 24-March 1 Towards Revolution
Reading: WBA? Chapter 4, pp. 180-209
Editing Assignments Due, March 1

Unit Seven: March 2-8 Revolution, Constitution, and the People
Reading: WBA? 210-263

Unit Eight: March 9-15 The Consolidation of Slavery
Readings: WBA? Chapter 6, 265-323, Loewen, Chapter 5
Writing Assignment #2 Due, March 15

March 16-22 Spring Recess

Unit Nine: March 23-29 Northern Society and the Growth of Wage Labor
Readings: WBA? Chapter 7, 325-375

Unit Ten: March 30-April 5 Immigration, Urban Life, and Social Reform in the Free Labor North
Readings: WBA? Chapter 8, 377-425

Unit Eleven: April 6-12 The Spread of Slavery and The Crisis of Southern Society
Readings: WBA? Chapter 9, 427-475

Unit Twelve: April 13-19 The Settlement of the West and the Conflict Over Slave Labor
Readings: WBA? Chapter 10, 482-531
Loewen: Chapter 6

Unit Thirteen: April 20-26 Reconstruction and the Industrial Revolution
Readings: WBA? Chapter 12 588-631
Unit Fourteen: April 27-May 3 Industrial Frontiers

Readings: WBA? 632-679

Writing Assignment #3 Due, May 8

Objectives:

This course is designed to enhance your skills in five areas:

a. critical thinking
b. relating social theory to personal experience
c. understanding employment relations in their social context
d. developing argument clearly and persuasively
e. supporting your argument with appropriate evidence

Your performance in class and on writing assignments will be assessed with reference to the above objectives.

Grading Policy:

The course grade will be based on the following elements:

1. participation in forums 15%
2. writing assignment 1 – 15%
3. Editing assignments – 20%
4. writing assignment 2 - 15%
5. writing assignment 3 - 15%
6. Quizzes, 20%